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## HONORS THESIS ABSTRACT

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Abstract: The purpose of this project is to apply the concepts and techniques of capacity planning. The specific technique used is known as Capacity Requirements Planning. To avoid complication, this program is designed to be only part of a more complex manufacturing information system.

Capacity planning aims to plot the required resources to produce a certain amount of product against the resources available. This is accomplished by calculating, in hours, the the required time to produce a product and the available machine time. The major inputs used to accomplish this task are the part routings, work center files, and the part requirements per period. The outputs are detailed comparisons of required hours and available hours at each work center for each time period.

Program Instructions

To Load Program:

- 1 - Load GW-BASIC
- 2 - type    LOAD"CP",R

Valid Part Numbers

A1000

A2000

A3000

A4000

T1000

T2000

T3000

T4000

Valid Work Centers

11

22

33

44

55

66

77

88

99

Program Overview

Primary Inputs to Capacity Planning:

- Parts Routing File
- Work Center File
- Requirements for each part

Primary Outputs of Capacity Planning:

- Required hours for each part
- Required hours for all parts
- Required hours at each work center
- Required hours for all work centers
- Required hours vs. Available hours for each work center
- Available hours after requirements are satisfied for all work centers
- Load Profile for all work centers

Program TechniquesHours Required

Hours required is defined as the number of hours to produce a single part or the total number of hours to produce a batch of parts. Hours required is calculated using the formula presented below:

$$\text{Hours required} = \text{Set-up time per piece} + \text{Run-time per piece} \\ * \text{Number of pieces per period}$$

Hours Available

Hours available is defined as the number of hours available per period at each work center. Hours available is calculated using the formula presented below:

$$\text{Hours available} = \text{Number of machines} * \text{maximum hours per day} \\ * \text{work center efficiency} * \text{work center} \\ \text{utilization} * \text{number of days per period}$$

Load Profile

A Load Profile shows the percentage of available hours at a particular work center that are accounted for by the current requirements.